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INQUIRY INTO POUNDS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Having been a wildlife carer for 30years im now fostering unwanted dogs. I thought it would be more rewarding and less stressful. I was wrong. As a new foster carer, I'm seeing first hand and hearing about the appalling conditions dogs and cats are experiencing in council pounds. This doesn't fall short of being third world conditions at times. Disgraceful. No laws are in place to prevent huge numbers of dogs breeding, therefore the pounds will always be needed. Rescue groups, totally run and funded by volunteers, are overwhelmed by alarming numbers of dogs and cats in pounds. Theres urgency placed on groups to take the dogs who are ill treated and scared in these pounds. Australian's need to do better.